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VAROSHA

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1. REF A REPORTS ON GOC AMBASSADOR DIMITRIOU'S CALL ON
EUR APRIL 6 CONCERNING REPORTED FURTHER "COLONONIZATION" OF
VAROSHA AND DEPARTMENT'S REQUEST TO LOOK INTO AUTHENTICITY
THOSE REPORTS.

2. EMBOFFS VISITED AREA APRIL 10. AREA CONCERNED IS
SAME AREA AROUND CONSTANTIA HOTEL (REPORTED REFS B-3)
WHICH PROMPTED GOC RECOURSE TO SECURITY COUNCIL LAST
AUGUST - SEPTEMBER. CAUSE OF CURRENT GOC CONCERN WOULD
APPEAR TO BE FACT THAT BLOCK OF FOUR APARTMENT BUILDINGS
NEAR CONSTANTIA (NOW OTEM OR PALM BEACH) HOTEL ON
EDHIPSOU STREET AND ONE ON KYRAS STREET NORTH OF SALAMINA
HOTEL HAVE OCCUPANTS OR ARE IN FINAL PREPARATIONS FOR
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OCCUPANCY. HOWEVER, THE AREA DOES NOT CONTAIN HOUSES AND
HAS ONLY A FEW SHOPS WHICH REMAIN CLOSED.

3. ONE OF THE APARTMENT BLOCKS NEAR THE CONSTANTIA IS
IDENTIFIED AS THE VAKIFLAR (PIOUS FOUNDATION) OFFICE AND
A SECOND BUILDING BEARS A SIGN POLISEX LOGES, THUS SEEMING
TO CONFIRM REF E REPORTS THAT THE BUILDINGS ARE PRIMARILY

USED BY SECURITY OFFICIALS OR ADMINISTRATORS.

4. A TOUR OF THE WESTERN PERIPHERY OF VAROSHA REVEALED
NO HOUSING ACTIVITY WITHIN THE CLOSED OFF AREA.

5. COMMENT. EMBASSY'S IMPRESSION IS THAT TURKISH
CYPRIOTS HAVE NOT EXPANDED AREA OF OPERATIONS IN VAROSHA.
MOST ONE COULD SAY IS THE THEY ARE NOW COMPLETING REHABILITATION
OF THE FEW BUILDINGS AROUND THE HOTEL AND HAVE OVER
LAST SEVERAL MONTHS ALLOWED SOME INDIVIDUALS TO OCCUPY
APARTMENTS IN THEM. END COMMENT.
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